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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: ON-SITE OIL PROCESSING

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1. ALL USDEL MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED VISAS AND WILL ARRIVE
MOSCOW SEPT. 30 AT 17:25 HOURS ON AEROFLOT SU 581 FROM
FROM LONDON AS SCHEDULED.

2. EXXON CORP, NYC, RECEIVED SEPT. 28 TWO COMMERCIAL
CABLES FROM MOSCOW WHICH RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT USSR HOST
MINISTRY EXPECTS USDEL TO MAKE ITS OWN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS
IN MOSCOW THROUGH INTOURIST. FIRST CABLE FROM THOMAS
COOK AND SONS QUOTES INTOURIST AS CLAIMING THAT USSR
MINISTRY OIL AND GAS ADVISED DELEGATION TO "HAVE VOUCHER
FOR ONE NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS MOSCOW SEPT. 30 -
OCTOBER 1". (COOKS AND INTOURIST EVIDENTLY BECAME
INVOLVED WHEN DELEGATION MEMBERS WENT TO PAN AMERICAN
OFFICES HERE TO PURCHASE INTERNAL USSR AIR TICKETS PER
GUIDANCE PARA 2 REFTEL B AND PAN AM CABLED MOSCOW FOR COST
DATA). SECOND CABLE FROM GEORGE SAWYER OF EXXON PARTY

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NOW IN MOSCOW ADVISED THAT USDEL SHOULD CABLE US EMBASSY

MOSCOW ON WHAT HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS IT HAD MADE IN MOSCOW.

3. DEPT ADVISED USDEL THAT IN ACCORD WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IT SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, MAKE ITS HOTEL RESERVATION THROUGH INTOURIST AND THAT USSR HOST MINISTRY OR SCST WOULD MAKE ALL INTERNAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET CONFUSION ON THIS SCORE, IT MAY WISH TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH SOVIETS. KISSINGER

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